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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int Cl⁷: G01R 31/08

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC: G01R

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
AU: IPC as aboveElectronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
WPAT: fault, leak, short circuit, location, position, sheath, cable, conductor, earth, ground, signal, frequency
INSPEC: fault, leak, short circuit, location, position, sheath, cable, conductor, earth, ground, frequency, rectify, component
USPTO: fault, sheath, cable, position, location, frequency, signal

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim N
A	US 5 210 497 A (REGINI) 11 May 1993 Whole document	1-10
A	US 4 896 117 A (FLOWEREDEW et al) 23 January 1990 Whole document	1-10

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C See patent family annex

* Special categories of cited documents:	
"A"	Document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
"E"	earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date
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"P"	document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed
"T"	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"X"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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Information on patent family members

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report			Patent Family Member			
US	5 210 497	GB	2 255 191	WO	91/00526	
US	4 896 117	DE	3 836 219	GB	2 211 621	JP 2 071 145

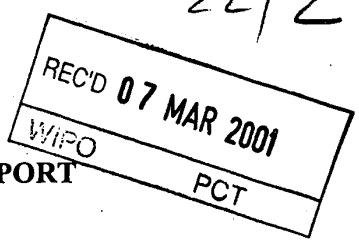
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



Applicant's or agent's file reference 2324557/KL/PM	FOR FURTHER ACTION.	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416).
International Application No. PCT/AU00/00964	International Filing Date (day/month/year) 11 August 2000	Priority Date (day/month/year) 11 August 1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Int. Cl. 7 G01R 31/08		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.																
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.																
<input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).																
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages , as originally filed,

 pages , filed with the demand,

 pages , received on with the letter of

the claims, pages , as originally filed,

 pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,

 pages , filed with the demand,

 pages , received on with the letter of

the drawings, pages , as originally filed,

 pages , filed with the demand,

 pages , received on with the letter of

the sequence listing part of the description:

 pages , as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages

the claims, Nos.

the drawings, sheets/fig.

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 - 10	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 - 10	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 10	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Claims 1-10 are novel and involve inventive step because no individual citation or obvious combination of citation teaches the combination of features claimed in the independent claims 1 and 9.
2. Claims 1-10 have industrial applicability because the invention claimed can be made or used in the industry.